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SUBJECT: FAHMY ON QUADRIpartite MEETING

1. AS DEPT AWARE, QUADRIpartite (EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND PLO) SESSION WHICH CONVENED IN CAIRO ON JANUARY 3 HAS JUST FINISHED. IN DISCUSSING SESSION WITH FAHMY LAST NIGHT, HE CLAIMED NOTHING CAME OUT OF THE MEETING. RIFA'I HAD PLAYED HARD TO GET AND HAD EVADED ANY SUGGESTION OF JOINT PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN COLLABORATION. RIFA'I HAD POINTED OUT THAT JORDAN COULD NOT WORK CLOSELY WITH PLO WHEN PLO LEADERS LIKE ABU IYAD ARE STILL CALLING FOR HUSSEIN'S SCALP. RIFA'I, FAHMY ACKNOWLEDGED, HAD STRONG CARDS AND PLAYED THEM EFFECTIVELY. HUSSEIN IS DETERMINED TO FORCE THE PLO TO REALIZE HE MUST BE BROUGHT INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WILL THEN INSIST ON COMING BACK IN HIS OWN TERMS. THE PLO WILL HAVE TO COME TO HIM.

2. FAHMY DESCRIBED THE PLO LEADERSHIP, AS REFLECTED IN QADDUMI'S COMMENTS, AS A FRUSTRATED GROUP. ITS REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW PRIVATELY CONCEDED THAT RABAT WAS A MISTAKE AND ARE BEGINNING TO TALK ABOUT REVERTING TO THE "ALEXANDRIA FORMULA."

3. NOTING ANOTHER QUADRIpartite MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO CONVEIN IN LATE FEBRUARY, FAHMY PREDICTED

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NOTHING WILL COME OUT OF THAT MEETING EITHER.

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